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1. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS RAISED REFTELS A AND B,
FRG PROCUREMENT POLICY IS GOVERNED BY THE
VERDINGUNGSORDNUNG FUER LEISTUNGEN, WITH WHICH THE
DEPARTMENT IS FAMILIAR. THIS RULE APPLIES TO
PURCHASES BY THE MINISTRIES, THE OTHER NATIONAL
GOVERNMENT ENTITIES AND LAENDER AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
IT DOES NOT APPLY TO PURCHASES MADE BY THE QUASI-

PUBLIC ENTITIES.

2. SPECIFIC RESPONSES ARE KEYED TO REFTEL B.
PARAGRAPH 2 - MINISTRIES - LIST IS COMPLETE.

3. PARAGRAPH 3 - OTHER NATIONAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES.
AS MENTIONED ABOVE, PROCUREMENT IS GOVERNED BY THE
VERDINGUNGSORDNUNG FUER LEISTUNGEN. THE GERMAN
GOVERNMENT STATES FLATLY THAT THESE OPERATIONS ARE
MANAGED AUTONOMOUSLY. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE
THE DEGREE OF GOVERNMENT INFLUENCE.

4. PARAGRAPH 4 - MAJOR QUASI-PUBLIC ENTITIES. FRG
HAS MAJORITY CONTROL IN THE SALZGITTER CONCERN
(ORE EXPLORATION, MINING AND PROCESSING, STEEL
PRODUCTION AND TRADE, MACHINE BUILDING), THE
VEREINIGTE INDUSTRIE-UNTERNEHMUNGEN AG (VIAG)
HOLDING COMPANY (POWER GENERATION, ALUMINIUM
PRODUCTION, ELECTRO-CHEMISTRY), THE SAARBERGWERKE
(COAL AND POWER PRODUCTION), AND THE INDUSTRIEVER-
WALTUNGS GMBH (IVG) HOLDING COMPANY. COMPANIES WITH
A FEDERAL PARTICIPATION BELOW 50 PERCENT ARE THE
VEBA (ELECTRICAL POWER GENERATION, PETROLEUM
EXPLORATION, PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING, GLASS
PRODUCTION, TRADE, TRANSPORTATION AND SERVICES), AND
THE VOLKSWAGENWERK.
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5. THE TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY HAS VARYING DEGREES
OF CONTROL IN LUFTHANSA, SEVERAL MAJOR AIRPORTS,
OCEAN HARBORS, HYDRO POWER PLANTS AND INLAND
TRANSPORTATION CANALS. IN THE HOUSING SECTOR THE
GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATES IN SEVERAL HOUSING COMPANIES
AND IN THE RESEARCH SECTOR IN SEVERAL NUCLEAR
ENERGY PROJECTS.

6. PARAGRAPH 6 - WHILE WE ARE NOT ABLE TO
COMMENT ON HOW COMPLEMENTARY FEDERAL AND LAENDER
PROCUREMENT POLICIES ARE IN PRACTICE, THERE DOES
EXIST, AT LEAST IN SOME AREAS, A FORMAL FEDERAL-
LAENDER COMMITTEE ON PROCUREMENT. A RECENT EXAMPLE
WAS A MARCH MEETING ON BUNDESWEHR PROCUREMENT.

7. REFTEL C PRESENTS BEST DESCRIPTION OF PURCHASES
BY THE GOVERNMENT AND ENTITIES CONTROLLED BY THE
GOVERNMENT.

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